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At an Ordination Special held on Sunday the fourteenth day of September 1740 in the chapel at Rose Castle in the County of Cumberland, by the right reverend Father in God George by divine permission Lord Bishop of Carlisle in the presence of me Joseph Nicolson Notary public Register of Carlisle aforesaid Thomas Dawson of the College of William and Mary in Virginia was admitted into the holy order of Deacon and had Letters Testimonial thereof under the said Lord Bishop's Episcopal Seal.

An exactly similar entry records that Thomas Dawson was admitted priest on Sunday, 21 September, 1740, at a special ordination held in the same place.

The Bishop of Carlisle in 1740 was Dr. George Fleming.

It will be observed that Thomas Dawson was ordained deacon and priest on two successive Sundays. Such a course at that time was infrequent, but not without precedent.

Yours very truly, R. F. SCOTT.

Dr. Lyon G. Tyler, M. A., LL. D.

PERSONAL NOTICES FROM "VIRGINIA GAZETTE."

FOR 1776 AND 1777.

Marlbro' Iron Works in Frederick county, 1775. Izaac Zane advertises for 5,000 cords of wood.

The commissioners of the Gun Manufactory advertise for brass for mountings. Fredericksburg, Jan. 24, 1776.*

John Tyler advertises his horse, Romulus, sired by Mark Anthony, whose blood is well known, out of Pompadour, a fine full-blooded mare. "He is a beautiful sorrel, and within half an inch of 15 hands high, well made and five years old this spring."

Died—Col. Richard Hull, of Northumberland, in his 59th year, for many years a representative in Assembly and magistrate for that county. June 7.

Mr. William Gregory, of Charles City county, captain in the 6th Regiment, a very worthy man and much esteemed by all his acquaintances. June 7.

May 31, 1776, died, Mr. James Dillard, Jr., an amiable youth.

Notice given by the commissioners of the convention to lease the lands of Lord Dunmore within the county of York, and sell his slaves and personal estate. June 21, 1776.

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* The dates represent dates of the newspaper.

Hunter's Iron Works at the Falls of Rappahannock River. June 21, 1776. John Strode, manager of the works.

Advertisement of Nicholas Hobson in regard to two soldiers who "deserted from my company of the 6th Regiment of the Continental Regulars." Aug. 9, 1776.

Rev. William Dunlap, of King and Queen county, to Mrs. Johanna Reeve, of Gloucester county. July 26, 1776.

Died at Hampden-Sidney Academy, in the 22d year of his age, Mr. Samuel Hackley, of Culpeper county (who was studying to prepare for the ministry).

Edmund Randolph, Esq., married to Miss Betsy Nicholas, second daughter of the treasurer.

Col. William Finnie married to Miss Betsy Chamberlayne, of James City Co.

Humphry Gwyn advertises 500 acres on Gwyn's Island. Sept. 6, 1776.

William Roscow Wilson Curle, delegate in convention for Norfolk Borough, to Mrs. Lyon, relict of late Walter Lyon, Esq., of Princess Ann county. Sept. 6, 1776.

Rev. John Bracken, rector of Bruton Parish, to Miss Sally Burwell, daughter of late Carter Burwell, Esq., of Carter's Grove. Sept. 13.

Mrs. Hannah Churchill, of Bushy Park, in Middlesex, relict of Armistead Churchill, Esq., in the 70th year of her age. Sept. 13.

John Whiting, Jr., of Gloucester county, admr. of Francis Whiting, deceased, late of Berkeley county. Sept. 13.

Philip Rootes, William Graham, Benjamin Robinson and Thomas Metcalfe summoned before the committee for King and Queen as "enemies of America." Ordered to be disarmed. September 20.

Died, Mr. Lowdell Blackey Taylor, of New Kent county. September 20.

Died, Mr. William Brown, of James City county. Sept. 20.

Mr. Charles Leonard, a native of Cologne, in Germany, and well known in Virginia for his excellent but capricious performance on the violin. He died in his 76th year, and played his last *solo* in the house of Mr. Blovet Pasteur, of this city. Sept. 20.

Died, Mr. Benjamin Winslow, ensign in the 5th Regiment, and eldest son of Mr. Beverley Winslow. Sept. 27.

Mr. Beverly Dixon, of this city, merchant, married to Miss Polly Saunders. Nov. 1.

Died, Mrs. Lewis, spouse of Warner Lewis, Jr., Esq., of Gloucester; Mr. William Aitcheson, late of Norfolk, merchant; Capt. John Phripp, late of Norfolk, in his 93d year. Nov. 8.

Willis Wills, of King and Queen county, advertises the plantation lately belonging to Mr. Thomas Wills, in Mulberry Island. Nov. 15.

William Drew, Esq., clerk of Berkeley, to Miss Hannah Powell, of this city. Nov. 15.

Died, Dr. Andrew Anderson, of New Kent. Nov. 15.

Virginia Gazette, 1777.

Died, Mr. William Pearson, of this city, tanner. Leaves a widow and children. January 17.

Died, Capt. Thomas Tebbs, of the 2d Regiment. Jan. 17.

Mrs. Anne Peyton, wife of Thomas Peyton, Esq., of Gloucester, died.

"Her father Washington, her mother Thacker,
Death, e'er thou strikest another
Good and lovely fair as she,
Time shall throw a dart at thee."

Jan 17.

Died, Capt. John Fleming, of the 1st Virginia Regiment, fell at Trenton in defence of America. Jan. 24.

Married, Major S. J. Cuthbert, of Georgia, to Mrs. Catharine Blair, of this city. Feb. 4.

The Manufacturing Society in Williamsburg are in want of 5 or 6 likely negro lads from 15 to 20, and as many girls from 12 to 15 years, also one or two weavers, for whom they will give ready money. Those who incline to spin for the Society at their own Houses may be furnished with flax on application to the managers. N. B. Negro girls are received as apprentices. February 14.

John M. Galt and Gabriel Maupin, exors. of Alexander Craig, advertise for sale the lots and houses on Main St. adjoining the Raleigh Tavern, where Mr. Craig formerly lived. Feb. 14.

Roger Blackburn living near Abingdon Church in Gloucester. March 7.

Lewis Hansford, merchant in Smithfield. Mentioned March 7.

Died Mr. Paul Watlington, of Gloucester county, Abingdon Parish, aged 77. March 21.

Extract from the minutes of a convocation of the Visitors of the College of William and Mary begun 31 March. Ordered that the Rector write to the visitors requesting a meeting on May 6. Among other things several articles of accusation have been exhibited against the President of the College, John Dixon, clerk, Professor of Divinity, and Mr. Emanuel Jones, master of Brafferton. Publication ordered also in *Gazette*. Signed, Edmund Randolph, Rector. April 4.

Died, Rev. Patrick Henry, rector of St. Paul's Parish, in Hanover. April 11.

William Plume & Co. advertise to carry on the tannery of Mr. William Pearson. May 9.

Address of the officers in York Garrison, May 10, 1777, to Dr. Corbin Griffin. May 16.

Williamsburg Manufactory. John Crawford, manager. The manufactory is within a few steps of the capitol landing. We propose to procure hemp, flax, cotton and wool for manufacturing. Spinners wanted. May 16.

Hudson Muse, naval officer at Moratico Point. May 16.

Deaths in this city—Cole Digges, Esq., a delegate for the county of Warwick. In Gloucester, James Parke Farley, Esq., of North Carolina. In this city, Mrs. Tazewell, spouse of Henry Tazewell, of Brunswick county. Mr. William Fearson, dancing master. May 23.

Resolutions of the Visitors acquitting Mr. Jones of the accusations against him. June 6.

Died at Alexandria, Capt. Joseph Tate, of the Second Battalion of North Carolina. Interred in the church-yard at Alexandria. June 20.

Mr. John Valentine, of Richmond, to Miss Anne Moore (verses). Married June 27.

Died, Col. John Ruffin, 21st instant. June 27.

Halifax, May 30, 1770. Henry Montfort advertises land. June 27.

Died, Mrs. Elizabeth Bannister, spouse to Col. John Bannister, of Dinwiddie; Capt. Walter Vowles, of the first State Regiment. June 11.

Dr. Justice Livingston, physician, of the privateer brig *Northampton,* to Miss Angelica Laford, of this city. August 1st.

On Friday, 15 Aug., being the day of the foundation of William and Mary College, after prayer and sermon by Mr. Madison, recommending industry in the pursuit of science, two orations were delivered, the first in Latin by Mr. Heath, and the other in English by Mr. William Nelson. Many learned gentlemen were present. Aug. 22.

Ropery now erecting in Richmond by Archibald Cary & Co. Joshua Storrs, manager. Aug. 29.

Rev. James Madison appointed President of William and Mary College. Sept. 5.

John Thornton, Esq., of Stafford county, to Miss Catherine Yates, of Gloucester, fourth daughter of Rev. Robert Yates. Sept. 5.

Died, in North Carolina, Mr. John Pinkney, formerly of this city; printer. September 5.

For sale, the beautiful seat on the Mattapony, where the late Speaker Robinson lived. 1,381 acres of high land, 600 acres of marsh, 120 acres of unused. On the tract is a mill. The plantation is under good fences, with a young orchard of choice fruit. Dwelling house is of brick, two stories high, 4 large rooms and a passage on each floor and good cellars. Brick kitchen, servants' hall, wash house, stables, coach house, granary and a garden walled with brick. Advertised by John Parke Custis. Oct. 10.

Rev. William Coutts having resigned, another minister wanted for Martin Brandon Church. Richard Bland and Pleasants Cocke, church wardens. Oct. 24.

Married Mr. William Howard to Miss Nancy Chisman, both of York county. Dec. 12.

Died, Col. Henry King, of Hampton; Mr. Henry Laughton, of this city. Dec. 12.

Oxford Iron Works, Bedford county. Signed David Ross. Dec. 12.

For sale, 3 plantations in Charles City belonging to the orphans of William Kennon, Esq., deceased, now held by the following gentlemen, William Acrill, John Edloe and David Minge. Dec. 26, 1777.

Died, Mrs. Mary Thornton, spouse of Sterling Thornton, Esq., of Gloucester county. Nov. 22.

John Tyler's advertisement from Indian Fields, Charles City county, for the sale of 500 acres near the mouth of Queen's Creek and 526 acres in James City county within 5 miles of the city. Nov. 22.

Died, Frank Eppes, Esq.; Lt.-Col. of the First Regiment. Dec. 27.

Died, Mr. Patrick Coutts,[1] of Richmond, merchant. Dec. 27.

JOURNAL OF COL. JAMES GORDON, OF LANCASTER COUNTY, VA.

James Gordon came to Virginia with his brother John in 1738 from Newry, County Down, Ireland. They located in Lancaster county, and became wealthy and influential merchants. They were Presbyterians, and did much to build up a strong Presbyterian sentiment in the Northern Neck. The two brothers have been represented in Virginia by many men of talent down to the present day. Col. James Gordon, the elder of the two, had the habit of keeping a journal, in which he made daily entries in a brief manner of his domestic concerns, his mercantile affairs, his farming operations, and events of interest in the neighborhood, etc. This journal Mr. Foote published in part. He married twice: (1) Millicent, daughter of Col. Edwin Conway, of Lancaster county; (2) Mary, youngest daughter of Col. Nathaniel Harrison, of Surry, and his wife, Mary Cary. By the second marriage Colonel Gordon had a daughter, Mary, born July 17, 1752, who married Rev. James Waddell, D. D., the blind preacher, immortalized by William Wirt in the *Spy*. Colonel Gordon died January 2, 1768, aged fifty-four years. In his obituary, as published in the *Virginia Gazette*, it is stated that "the rare assemblage of fine qualities possessed by him made a very discerning traveller a few years ago remark that he had not met with any one in the several provinces he had passed through possessing so many real excellencies."

1758.

December 21: The agreeable news of Capt. ——'s safe arrival in Whitehaven.

Dec. 22: Capt. Benson here. Maj. Campbell went off before breakfast. Blows very hard.

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[1] Mr. Patrick Coutts was a rich Scotchman, who lived at Richmond and owned a ferry. A story illustrative of his independent character is preserved. He was a great friend of William Byrd, of Westover, some twenty miles further down. Both fell sick about the same time. Finding that he could not live long, William Byrd sent a courier post-haste to Coutts to tell him to *wait for him*. Coutts, who was also dying, had strength enough to say, "Tell William Byrd that when Patrick Coutts makes up his mind to die, he waits for no mon."